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Today's weather: Moderate Easterly winds. Fair apart from scattered showers.
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THE DOVE HAS A SORE THROAT

Washington, Aug. 24.—The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that Russia's "sabre rattling" in the Balkans exposes Moscow's so-called peace offensive as a giant hoax.

Mr. Acheson told newsmen that the Communists everywhere will have great difficulty reconciling the increasingly violent attacks against Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia with Moscow's off-repeated desire for peace.

That is, he said, if the Communists anywhere possess any intellectual honesty, which they do not.

Of course, Mr. Acheson said wryly, the Communists will try to pass off this sabre rattling as the cooling of a fever. But, he added, it seems the dove has a somewhat sore throat.

The Secretary's remarks on the Yugoslav situation referred to increased pressure which Moscow has put on Marshal Tito because he will not stay in line with Premier Stalin's policies.

During the past few days, Moscow's denunciations of Marshal Tito have reached such a pitch that dispatches from Belgrade speculated on the possibility of an invasion of Yugoslavia by Russian and satellite armies.

Mr. Acheson said the State department is carefully watching all developments.—Associated Press.

Karl Scholz Arrested

Berlin, Aug. 24.—The French military police today arrested Karl Heinz Scholz, 42, founder of the anti-Russian Free Communist Party, on charges of holding an unauthorized political meeting.

A spokesman said the action was ordered by Maj-General Jean Ganeval, French commander in Berlin.

Scholz presided over a meeting of 50 German Communists in the French sector on Sunday. They founded the Free Communist Party and sent a message of support to Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia. The new party claims more than 4,000 sympathizers.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Women's Role In The Community

THE women of Hongkong have since the war taken an increasingly important part in the public life of the Colony. They have entered into many and diverse public activities with great zeal and confidence, and have attained a very large measure of success in all that they have attempted. Government, with an enlightened outlook, has encouraged them to assume these greater responsibilities, but to the women themselves must go the full credit for what they have achieved—in establishing themselves as a force in community affairs as well as in the rendering of useful service. Whether it was in voluntary YVCA work or in Government service; whether collecting for charity or advising on officially-sponsored committees; whether ministering to the underprivileged or sitting as lay magistrates—the record of women's contribution to the general betterment of community welfare in the past few years has been a full and distinguished one. There are many women's organizations in Hongkong, and all of them have been extremely active. It comes as something of a disappointment, therefore, to learn that the support so far given to the Hongkong Council of Women has been only limited. As a coordinating body affiliated to the International Council of Women, it should interest every constituted group of women in the Colony, as well as individual women who feel that members of their sex have their rightful place beside men in our human society. The wider the support given to such a body as the Hongkong Council of Women, the greater will be its

influence and the more effective its recommendations. The resolutions passed at the Council's annual conference on Tuesday advocate sound paths of action. The most far-reaching socially is the recommendation for the setting up of birth control information centres. The need for this public service in a place like Hongkong has long been recognised. Despite some objection to it on dogmatic religious grounds, the medical authorities made available such advice to mothers who sought it at government centres before the war. It is indeed a surprising revelation that it has not been thought necessary to undertake the work after the war. Of more immediate concern are the proposals for securing more hostel accommodation for working women and girls, and the appointment of women probation officers. The first is an eloquent reminder of the notorious inaction of Government in the matter of coping with the housing shortage. While working women are not the only section of the community facing accommodation difficulties, they are at least fortunate in having their cause espoused by the Council Government and big employers generally should give urgent consideration to this problem. The probation officer question is also one demanding early action. The problem of juvenile offenders requires that Government implements its decision, made as long as 18 months ago, to engage one or more suitable officers without further delay.

Amoy Said Outflanked By Reds

Canton, Aug. 24.—Strong Communist pressure continued on both the northwestern and southeastern fronts despite temporary Nationalist victories on the central front, which was comparatively quiet today.

The Reds scored big gains in Fukien, where they have outflanked Amoy, according to the Central News. The official agency admitted the "focus of fighting in southern Fukien had shifted to Chuanchow and Changchow"—on either side of Amoy.

Changchow is only 25 miles inland from Amoy, while Chuanchow is 35 miles north along the coastal highway.

For the second day the Reds continued battering the north-

Malay Rebels Capture Town In Pahang

Singapore, Aug. 24.—Malayan Communist forces last night carried out the biggest attack since the early months of the emergency, capturing the town of Mentakap, in Pahang State.

A force of well over 100 stormed the town, besieged the police station, looted shops and houses, and attempted to set fire to the railway station.

The police fought back, killing six of the invaders, including one woman, and wounding several others. One special constable was killed.

Simultaneously, another Communist force smashed the water pipeline supplying the town of Kajang, in Selangor, using sledge hammers, they broke the line in 50 places.—Reuter.

western bastion of Lanchow, where the defenders were reported to be suffering from severe lack of ammunition. The Nationalist defender, General Ma Hsing-kwei, was reported to have urgently requested ammunition from Canton while the official Central News reported the heavy artillery bombardment which featured the first days of defence was now silent. The agency claimed the assaults were still being repulsed.

Nationalist planes bombed Red positions in Hunan but little troop movement was reported.—United Press.

WARLORDS' QUARREL

Canton, Aug. 24.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today made a hurried flight to Chungking, reportedly to keep the warlords of Western China from making a deal with the Communists.

In two days of feverish activity in Canton, Generalissimo appears to have thrown off all pretence of retirement and again seems to be actively directing the civil war. He retired last year in favour of Gen. Li Tsung-jen, who still is Acting President of China.

The warlords of Szechwan province, in which Chungking is located, are known to be eager to keep their domains intact, even at the cost of an understanding with the Reds to remain neutral in the civil war. They have quarrelled with General Chiang Kai-shek, Commander in the Southwest, and there are rumours that Gen. Chiang wants to resign. Generalissimo Chiang wants him to stay on the job.—Associated Press.

ENIWETOK ATOMIC BOMB BLAST



Preliminary Talks To Washington Currency Meeting

London Aug. 24.—Preliminary Anglo-American pound-dollar talks began today when the Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin gave a big luncheon for the ECA chiefs, Mr. Paul Hoffman and Mr. Averell Harriman.

FRENCH PUSH VIETMINH FROM HANOI

Saigon, Aug. 24.—French parachute troops have won important victories in Indo-China, pushing Vietminh troops 48 miles back away from the city of Hanoi, French military officials said today.

They said the troops dropped from 21 Dakotas and about 30 Catalina flying boats on August 17 and 18, and captured the towns of Phuoc and Vinh, 30 and 39 miles respectively northwest of Hanoi.

French officials stated that the operation occurred in a "rice bowl" area a few weeks before harvest time, and that the troops of Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh are now cut off from an important food source.

Two months ago, Ho Chi-minh's Vietminh troops were on the outskirts of Hanoi.—Associated Press.

MAY REVIVE PARTY

Saigon, Aug. 24.—French officials here today predicted a general stiffening of Vietminh (Nationalist) policy and tactics as the Chinese Communist forces draw nearer to the Tonkin frontier.

The formation of a Vietnam Communist Party in Nationalist-controlled Indo-China might be one outcome of this change, they said. Dr. Ho Chi-minh, the Vietminh leader, dissolved the previous party in 1945.—Reuter.

MARK CLARK'S NEW JOB

Washington, Aug. 24.—The U.S. Army today announced that Gen. Mark Clark, Sixth Army commander, would succeed Gen. Jacob Deyers on September 30 as Chief of Army Forces. General Deyers is retiring after 40 years' Army service.

Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, at present Deputy Chief of Staff, will succeed Gen. Clark as Sixth Army commander, with headquarters in San Francisco.—United Press.

The fireball of an atomic bomb explosion was just rising as this picture was taken during tests at Eniwetok in the Spring of 1948. Views of the blast have just been released by the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington. (AP Picture).

Aircraft Reported "Stolen"

A plane was apparently "stolen" in broad daylight this morning from Canton's White Cloud airport and flown away to an unknown destination.

The incident occurred at 9.30 a.m. today. A Hongkong Airways plane from Hongkong was about to land when an unauthorized person started up a CATC plane and took off, narrowly missing collision with the Hongkong Airways machine.

The control tower at White Cloud ordered the departing CATC plane to return, but it was soon out of sight.

The CATC office here was unable to confirm the report, or that the unauthorized person was a co-pilot of the organization.

17 Charges Against Nazi Field Marshal

Hamburg, Aug. 24.—Field Marshal Fritz Erich Von Manstein, smartly dressed in a brown suit, sat in the dock of a hushed courtroom here today and heard the Prosecutor, Sir Arthur Comyns-Carr, accuse him of playing a major part in "the foulest crimes on a very wide scale" committed by the Nazis when they occupied Poland.

Reading from a novel-size brief, Sir Arthur, opening his case against the Field Marshal on 17 war crimes charges, described the former Nazi military leader's action as "various and horrible breaches of the laws of war."

The 61-year-old Field Marshal pleaded not guilty to all charges as his wife listened from the public gallery.

Sir Arthur, quoting from the judgment of the Nuremberg Tribunal, said that high-ranking generals "had been responsible in large measure for the miseries and suffering that have fallen on millions of women and children" and added that "without their military guidance, the aggressive ambitions of Hitler and his fellow Nazis would have been academic and sterile."

Sir Arthur submitted that Field Marshal Von Manstein was factually in a position to give orders to the various Nazi organizations, including the SS, the Gestapo, the Military Police, and the Security Police. "No one in a position of responsibility such as Manstein in the Polish campaign could any longer have any illusions about the grim inhumanity and ruthlessness of the Nazi war machine," he said.

U.S. CUTS MILITARY SPENDING

Washington, Aug. 24.—The Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, slammed a massive brake on the military spending today. He ordered the discharge of 135,000 civilian employees of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force, shut down 50 installations, ranging from navy yards to recruit training stations, and ordered heavy force reductions at others. He also cut 12,000 reserve officers from the active duty list.

White Paper Defended By Acheson

Washington, Aug. 24.—The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today appealed for Republican support of the Government's Far Eastern policy.

Commenting at his weekly press conference on criticism of the recent State Department White Paper on Sino-American relations, Mr. Acheson said that the State Department was now reviewing Far Eastern policy.

It was "working at that task in the hope that a completely bi-partisan approach will facilitate the evolution of our national policy," he said.

Mr. Acheson rejected the suggestion by Republican critics of the Government's Far Eastern policy that the State Department had deliberately omitted certain documents from its recent White Paper to falsify the record. He said that the White Paper was a fair and honest record of Sino-American relations, and nothing had been omitted because it contained statements critical of United States policy.—Reuter.

Benes Aide In Britain

London, Aug. 24.—Dr. Jaroslav Smutny, the last chief of the Chancellery to President Benes in Czechoslovakia, has arrived in London with his family.

Dr. Smutny escaped from Czechoslovakia into Germany in July with his wife and two sons, and has been granted a visa to settle in Britain.—Reuter.

GBS HAS CURE FOR CRIME

London, Aug. 24.—George Bernard Shaw today proposed a sweeping cure for crime—abolish prisons and put their inmates to death.

The 93-year-old playwright set forth his views in a printed postcard sent to editors from his home at Ayot St. Lawrence. "If we find a hungry tiger at large or a cobra in the garden we do not punish it," Shaw said. "We kill it because if we do not it will kill us."

"Just as lice, locusts, white ants, mosquitoes and Australian rabbits must be exterminated, not punished."

"Precisely the same necessity exists in the case of incorrigibly dangerous or mischievous human beings, sane or insane, idiots, and enemy soldiers," Shaw continued.

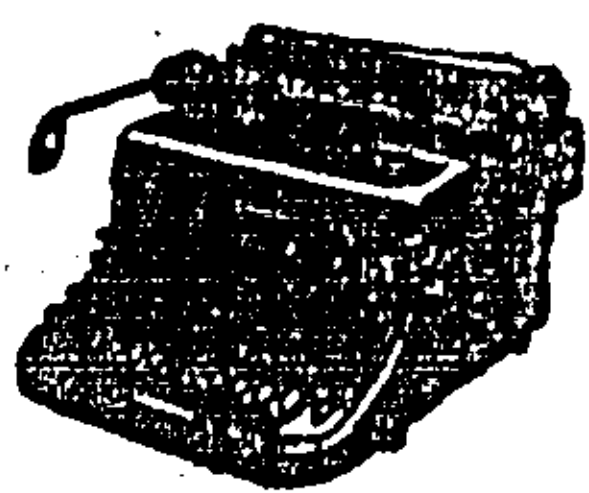
"The kindest method so far known to let criminals go to bed and to sleep as usual, and then turn on an odorous gas to prevent them ever waking. Enemy soldiers we have to kill how we can."—Associated Press.

New Threat By Midnites

Paris, Aug. 24.—The Communist-led Midnites (communist) Union today pressed a wage-increase claim to the French Ministry of Labour.

The midnites, who went on strike before the autumn opening of the fashion houses, have threatened to strike again if their claims are not met.—Reuter.

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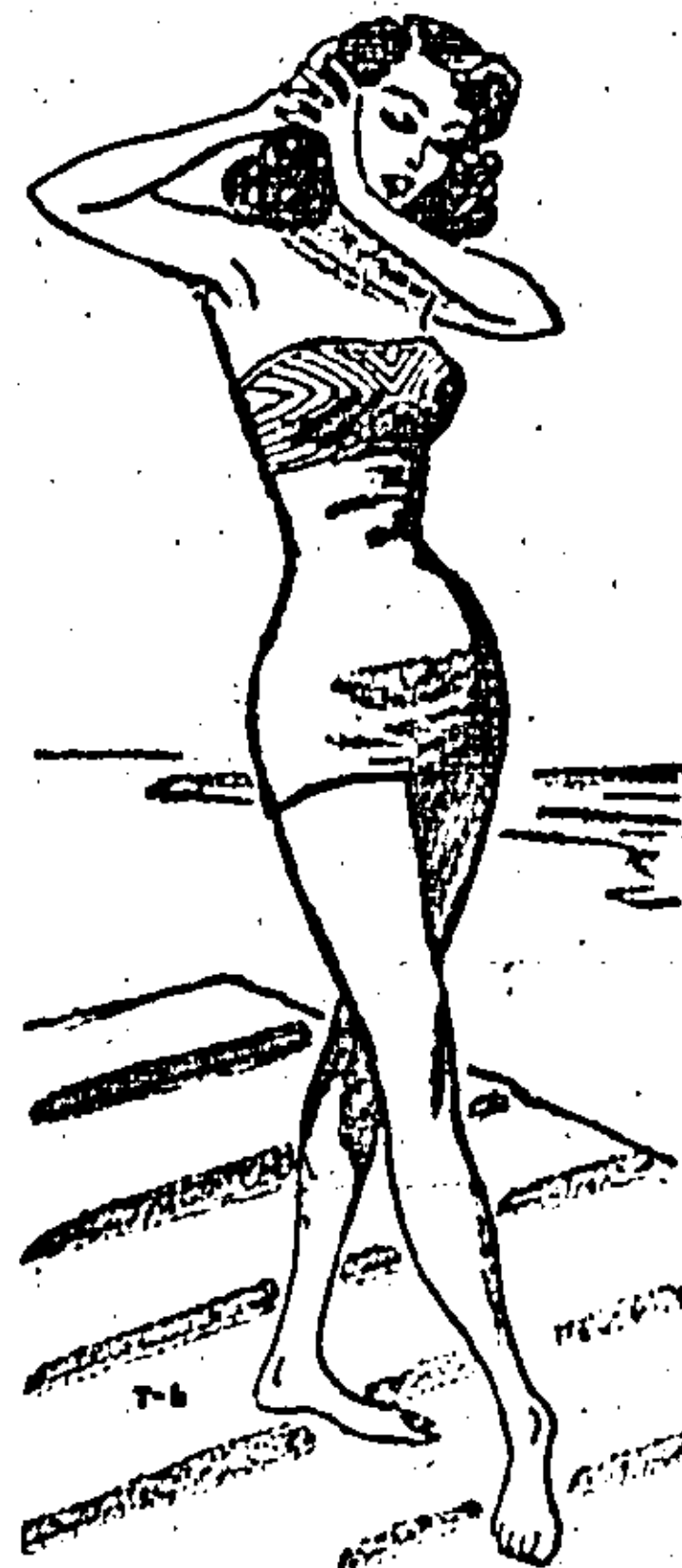
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By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

THERE'S NOTHING like a beautifully fitted bathing-suit to put the wearer at ease and help make her surf or beach activities happy ones. This one, in strawberry pink wool, has a boned stay-up bra, but an extra halter string can be attached if desired. The bra top uses geometric stitching as its only trim.

Bad Digestion Caused By False Teeth

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

CHEWING not only prepares the food for the stomach but the stomach for the food. In other words, the chewing of palatable food stimulates the flow in the stomach of these juices necessary to digestion. In addition, of course, the teeth break up the food so that it is more easily taken care of by the stomach and bowel. Hence, it goes without saying, that it is important to chew food well.

Poorly-fitting dentures or false teeth are one of the chief causes of inadequate chewing. Even normal people vary in the degree of biting strength which they can exert but those with false teeth are often unconsciously reluctant to use their full biting power for fear that chewing will be painful.

Choice Of Foods

Persons with low biting power must necessarily limit their choice of foods. This is especially true of those having poorly-fitting dentures or those who have severe disorders affecting gums or supporting tissues of the teeth.

Many of the important parts of the modern diet, such as fruits and vegetables, present difficulties in chewing for those who do not use enough biting force. In such instances, attempts are made to offset the difficulty by swallowing large or coarse food masses or by choosing softer foods for the diet. This frequently leads to poor nutrition, especially among elderly persons. Thus it is important for all persons, and especially the elderly, to visit the dentist regularly so that the teeth may be put in the best possible condition. If a denture is needed, it should be properly fitted so that chewing can be carried on effectively.

Bear in mind that if a person cannot chew his food as he should because of pain or even the fear that chewing will cause pain, he is likely to suffer from malnutrition due to the lack of all the necessary foods. Furthermore, the swallowing of large lumps of food may lead to irritation of the stomach and digestive upsets.

Popular & Practical Detachables

STRAPLESS gowns at a New York department store give the off-shoulder effect with their detachable fichus which are so important in the new collection. Everything is made versatile by the addition of fichus, demi-sleeves (a kind of brief, modified bolero), and stoles.

Young bouffant silhouettes are the favourite with this house, and they appear in tulle, velvet, and satin, and combinations of these fabrics. Buyers have shown lots of interest in their novelty-type fabrics, too. The report, such as brocade, velvet, tulle, net, and fine imported lace used over tulle. Important details are in draped overskirts, shirred bodice treatments and fabric interplay

WOMANSENSE

THE CLOTHES WOMEN WILL WEAR

Queen's dressmaker makes 'Two-timers'

* More than 50 overseas buyers, chiefly from America, Canada and Australia, began a week's round of dress shows by London's leading designers recently. Here is a report on the first of the shows by

EILEEN ASCROFT

DOUBLE-DUTY clothes were the keynote of Norman Hartnell's autumn export collection, which opened London fashion week's haute couture shows. Coats, suits and frocks had cunning adaptations and interchanges to make them serve two, three or more purposes in wardrobes which are no longer as lavish as they used to be.

A good example of these "Two-Timers" was "Turncoat," a green, black and white cheviot country coat, which reverses into a black town coat. The coat was worn over a black suit, which also had a check sports jacket.

COAT: "STORMY" Another useful overcoat, called "Stormy," was of steel grey melton cloth with a detachable fur-trimmed stole. It was worn over a grey suit checked with red and green. The wine crepe tucked blouse could also be worn with a separate wine crepe skirt, forming an informal afternoon dress.

A two-way dress of fine black wool had a detachable front apron, which "takes off" to reveal a sleek, narrow panel of black satin. The high bodice also opens into large low satin lapels, turning a trim day dress into a sophisticated afternoon model.

AUTUMN POINTERS

* New colours for day wear include Copper, Tobacco

and many soft tones of brown. For evening there is Grey Lilac (a mauve grey), Gunmetal, Ash Rose (grey shot with pink), Foxglove Pink and Watered Ink.

* London Silhouette will be slim, shorter—14in. from the ground—with movement provided by flying panels, overcoats, draped and flounced basques and large, flaring pockets and lapels (Dior spring influence here).

* Fur trimmings included panel fox and beaver.

An elegant travel coat, appropriately named "Heathrow," was in checks of fawn, white and stone. Its huge beaver cuffs formed a muff when the sleeves and its deep shawl collar, edged with beaver could be lifted up as a hood.

Coffee coloured fox was used to outline the armholes of a brown coat, dipping at the back to the hemline.

—(London Express Service)

Cocktail stiffs will be more popular than ever in autumn and winter wardrobes. Copper velvet taffetas or silk silk is most effective under electric light.

One little suit had an amusing peacock-tail short train falling from the jacket basque.

Another in black velvet had unusual cross-way stitching to give it a striped effect.

Low shawl collars and large lapels were shown on these suits.

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New Plans For Women Air Passengers

B.O.A.C. has new plans for women who travel by air.

As an increasing number of women are now using air transport, the Corporation, which takes a keen interest in facilities for them, is refitting the powder rooms on its airlines to give them maximum comfort and relaxation.

With the assistance and co-operation of a well-known cosmetic firm, each powder room will contain a supply of beauty preparations for use of women passengers so that they may arrive at their destinations refreshed and looking at their best.

These preparations have been selected bearing in mind the particular requirements of air travel, and they are arranged in a specially designed dressing table cabinet. This new amenity will enable women to have all the luxury of half-an-hour at their own dressing table without carrying with them in hand luggage a supply of bottles and jars.

The amenity is now provided on the Solent flying-boats which operate between Southampton and Johannesburg, and will shortly be found on the Constellation flying to Australia and on the B.O.A.C. fleet of 22 Argonauts at present being delivered.

Meanwhile, it is the Air Co.'s policy to have in due course a stewardess on every aircraft of the Corporation and in addition to the most careful training already received, the stewardesses, whose qualifications must include tact and personality, now attend classes specially arranged for them so that they may learn how to take particular care of women who travel by air.

Summer Evening Dress



By ALICE AIDEN

THE NECKLINE is often a focal point of summer evening frocks, that otherwise, so far as line is concerned, would be essentially simple. A slim cape lends interest to the deep pointed neckline of this charming dress

Afraid of Perfume? Don't Be



Instead of saving your perfume for special occasions, get in the habit of using it all the time. And use toilet water of the same scent, too.

By HELEN FOLLETT

ARE many women afraid to use perfume? The president of a company that compounds a famous brand says that they are. It seems that the perfume industry made a survey of the perfume habits of the average woman and has come to the conclusion that a majority of the ladies fail to take advantage of the glamorous effects of scented fragrances.

This authority says that, to be admired, women should not only appear lovely in the eye of the beholder, but should also delight his nose by carrying an intriguing aroma that comes from the crystal bottle on her dressing table.

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If you do indulge in an expensive perfume, keep it tightly stoppered in a cool, dark place so it will not evaporate or disintegrate.

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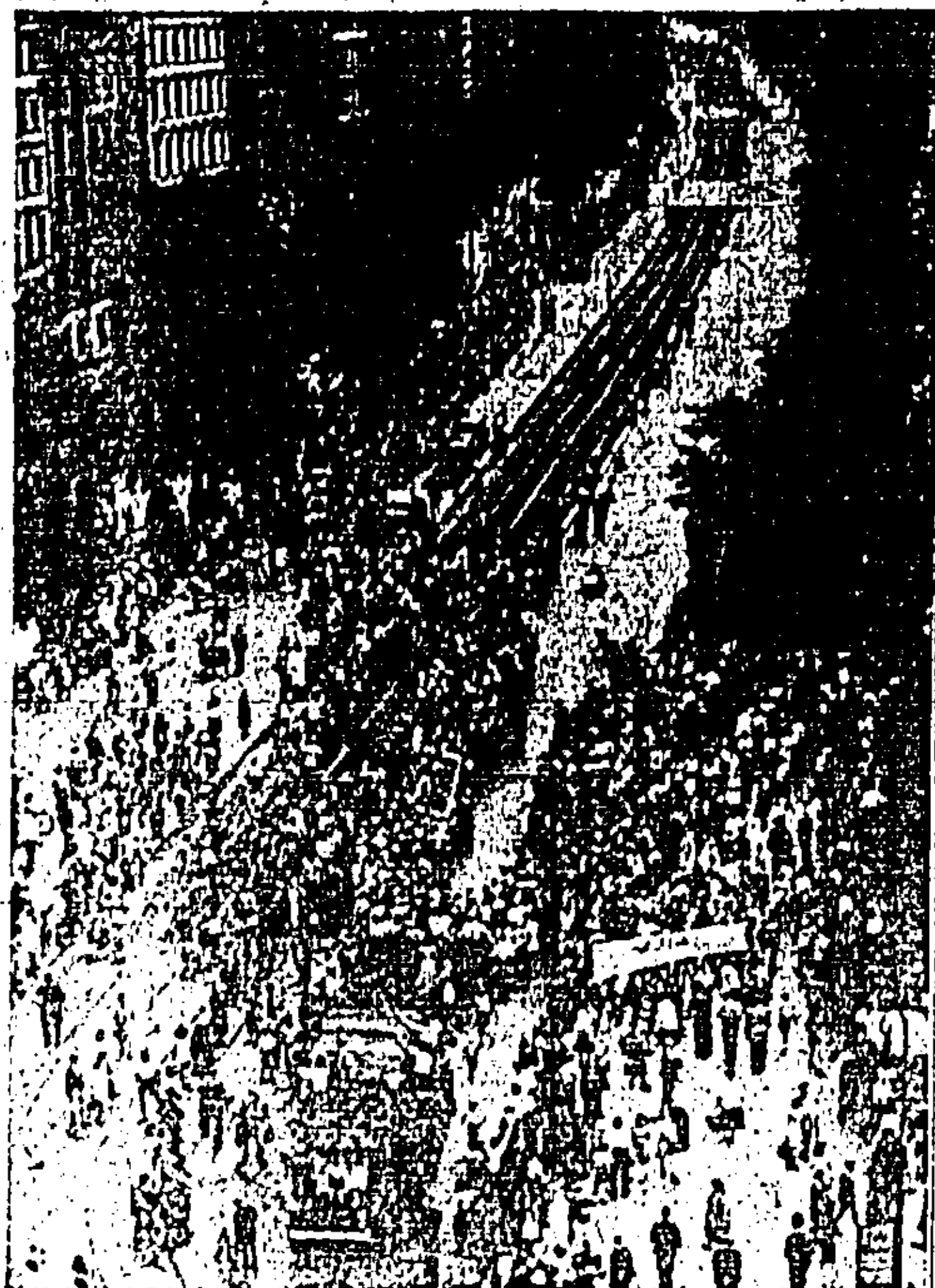
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PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



GERMAN SOAP BOX DERBY—Curious Berliners line both sides of Mehringdamm street to witness the first soap box derby held there. A total of 144 boys from 10 to 15 years of age competed in the race. The winner and two runners-up later raced in the Munich soap box finals for first prize — a trip to the U.S.



COULDN'T ASK FOR MORE—Sand dunes and marsh grass form an outdoor studio as these students take turns modelling for the University of North Carolina's Roanoke Island Fine Arts Centre at Manteo, North Carolina. Students get the opportunity to pick up college credits while they are learning to paint, sing or act—and it's all combined with an enjoyable vacation.



BACK TO AFRICA—For the first time since the death of her explorer husband, Mrs. Martin Johnson is preparing to return to the African jungles to film her own exploration. She is shown with a lion she brought back to America as a cub some years ago and which is now kept in a zoo near Los Angeles, California.



SHE SAYS IT'S ART—Jeanette Sherman, 24, from Detroit, Michigan, has entered her decorative work at an art exposition in Paris. Jeanette studied with painter Diego Rivera, and claims her exhibit contains all the forms used in sculptures.



BACK ON THE OLD ROUTE—The Bateau-Mouche, so dear to the hearts of Parisians, is sailing again for the first time since the outbreak of the war. It is similar to a Mississippi show boat and is used to show the Paris waterfront to tourists.



FOR A WEEK—Lovely Ladyce Cameron, of Chelsea, Massachusetts, is the latest entry in the "Miss Hampton Beach" beauty contest to be held at the popular New Hampshire summer resort. The winner will reign for just one week.



THE LITTLE MINISTER—Little Renee Maritz, in Southampton, England, is not describing a big fish. She's showing how she goes about the business of being an evangelist. The precocious child went to England from America to see if she couldn't bring some of that ancient religion to the British people.



THEY'RE BITING THESE DAYS—Rattling bamboo fishing poles add to the general confusion on a pier in Kansas City, Kansas, as sports enthusiasts get out their equipment for a fishing contest. Among great American sports, this one seems to have the widest appeal. The initial financial outlay varies, but a boy with a bent pin may do as well as a man who spends hundreds.



IT'S DIRTY BUT IT'S COOL—These youngsters are diving from the Embankment near Chelsea Bridge, in London, into the Thames River. It's permitted only when there's no policeman in sight, but he considerably keeps out of the way in hot weather.

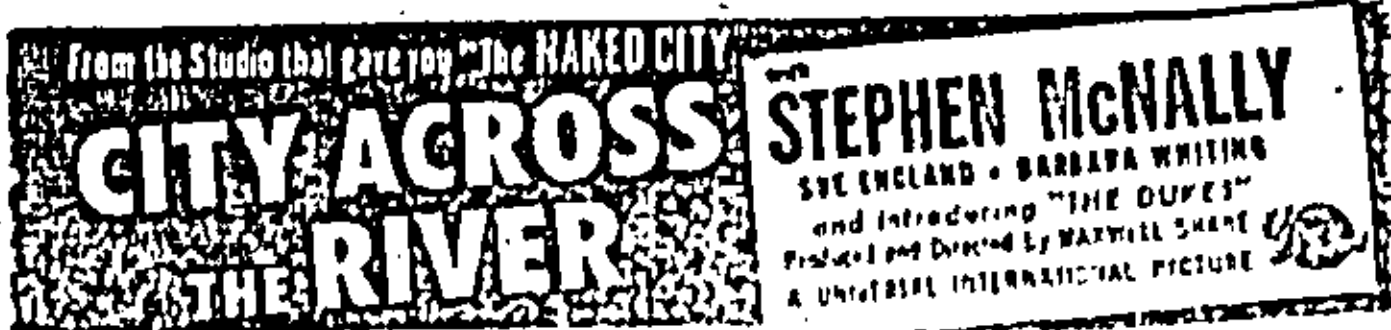
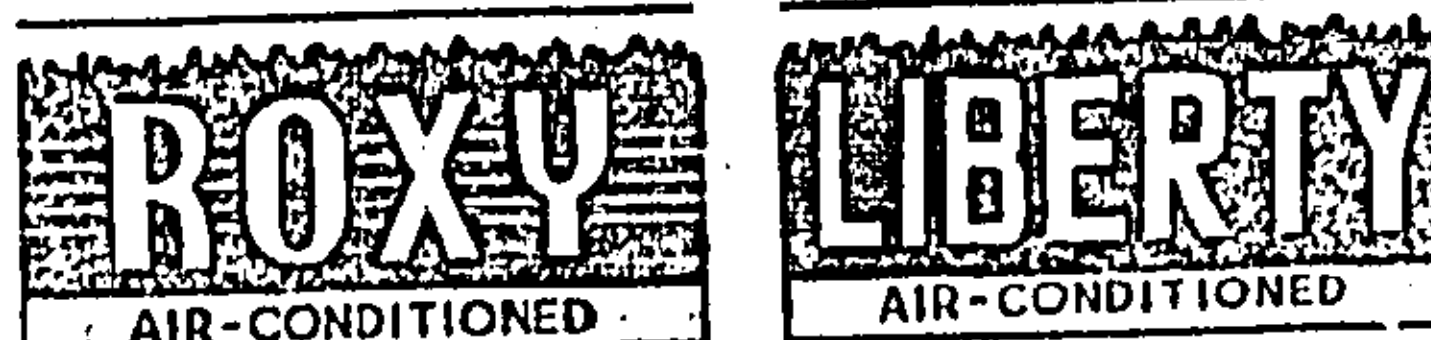


FROM FINLAND TO SWEDEN—Two Finnish boys, Matti Naranen, left, and Reino Karpio, are shown arriving on the Swedish shore of the Gulf of Bothnia, after a 28-mile cruise from Finland in their self-made amphibian cycle. It took just 1,120,000 cycles to reach their goal.

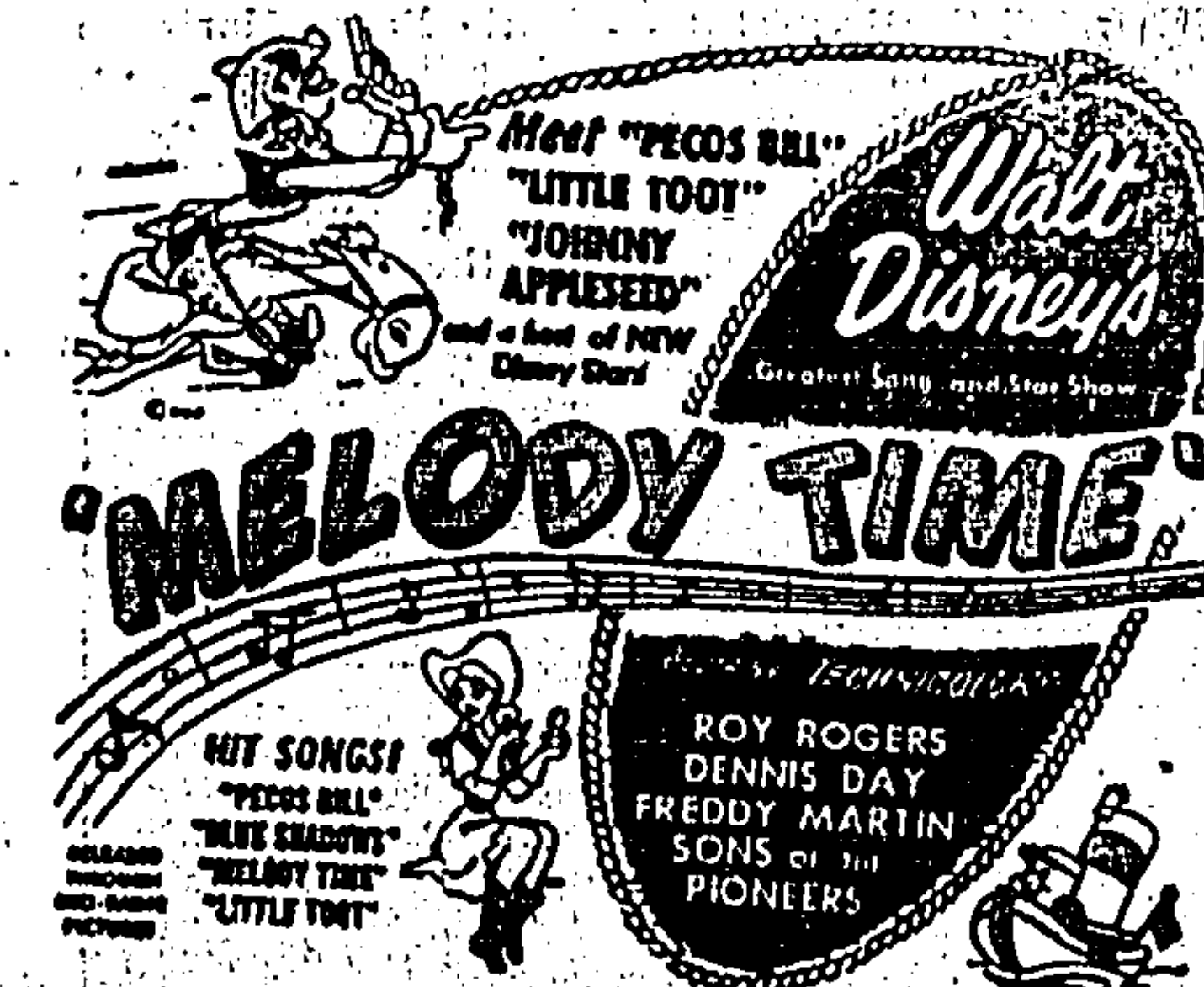
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Sefton Delmer's NEWS MAP attends a minor local police court in Germany to tell here the story of a trial which could decide how firm Britain intends to be



Delmer talks to Mueller at his bedside.

I HOPE, I hope, I hope, I hope that Mr Bevin will not devote all his time to the pious illusions of the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

I hope that instead he will devote a little of it to the impious realities of the situation in Germany. In particular I hope he will call for a report on a case of common assault which came before the summary tribunal of the British Military Government in Dortmund recently.

When he has read the report I hope he will at once urge Military Governor (and High Commissioner-to-be) Sir Brian Robertson to consider:

1.—Whether this case is not too grave to be dealt with by a summary tribunal, which does not inflict sentences of more than a few months' imprisonment.

2.—Whether, if the charges against any of the 31 Germans indicted are found to be justified, they should be sent for trial before the High Court, which inflicts longer and heavier sentences.

Test case

FOR the accusation against these Germans has certain points of similarity to the case in which the three Canadian seamen from the Beaverbrook were recently sent for trial at the Old Bailey.

They are accused of beating up one Erwin Mueller, a contractor whom they consider a blackleg, a collaborator and a traitor because he has been carrying out British orders and dismantling former German war plants.

This is a test case. If these Germans are indeed proved to be the men who beat up Mueller then they must be punished with severity.

For if this "heroism" is found to be profitable—and a mere six-month sentence would make it so—then we might as well withdraw our garrison of occupation troops right away.

For no German will be able to carry out their orders without risk of persecution.

Looked after

HOW grave the situation is was made clear to me when I attended the first sitting of the Dortmund court.

I found myself back in the old atmosphere of subsided thuggery and cowardly cunning at it by the authorities and the public which brought the Nazis into power.

A German behind me in the tiny public gallery gave the clue. "None of these men will ever again need to fear unemployment," he said looking en-

viously at the rows of triumphantly smiling accused. "The firm will look after them."

Three of Germany's ablest advocates had been briefed. The firm had seen to it that special food from the works canteen was sent daily to the four men in custody.

Nowhere did I find a German who was prepared to voice publicly his disapproval of this attack—though I did find some who did so privately. When I asked them why they would not speak up—one of them was the editor of a big newspaper—I got the same answer each time: "We have to live here."

Underground

THE truth is that the Germans have started their first underground war against one of the occupying Powers.

Not against the Russians or the French: they are too tough. Nor against the Americans: they still want dollars too badly.

But against the British, whose Government's weak and vacillating policy shows them to be a good target. As Dr Adenauer, leader of the great Christian Democratic Party, proclaimed publicly and unambiguously in Hamburg recently, "Our opponents today are the British."

Dismantling, which I myself disapprove as ill-thought, wasteful, and useless, is only a pretext. At the bottom of the whole movement is the desire of convalescent Germany to show her national strength and solidarity at the expense of one of her occupiers.

Whether or not there is a secret general staff at the back of this underground campaign as some say, it certainly shows admirable co-ordination. The Mueller case is a good example.

The story

IT begins on June 15, when Mueller takes a party of men to dismantle what remains of the refinery in the bomb-wrecked Dortmund paraffin works belonging to the Hoesch concern.

Eight British officials' accompany him. As soon as they arrive a group of about 50 German workers crowd round and jostling and threatening Mueller and his men. (The demonstrators were not, as German reports said, parish workers fearful of losing their jobs as a consequence of dismantling.)

They were workers from the power station, the only active part of the plant. It is not being dismantled.)

Mueller's men thereupon refused to carry on. Proceedings were begun against a number of them by the British Military Government. Mueller was cited as a witness for the prosecution.

Hardly had July 20 been fixed as the date for their trial than Mueller was "suddenly

summoned before a German denazification tribunal. He was to answer the charge of having joined the Nazi Party in May 1933 and of having been a member of the Nazi works council in the Hoesch concern, where he was a foreman at the time.

It did not matter that Mueller had already been dealt with by a denazification panel on November 1, 1946. Or that orders had been given by the British that no fresh denazification proceedings are now to be started. The joke of turning the procedure by which Germany was to be demoralised and pacified against its allied sponsors was too good to forgo.

And behold what day was fixed for Mueller's denazification trial by the Germans? Why, July 21, of course, the day on which he was due to give evidence before the British.

Mueller obediently arranged so that he could be present at both. A crowd of workers from the power station was in the gallery of the denazification court. Solid works director Ohme: "Who am I to stop my men from attending a denazification court if their democratic conscience bids them!"

Interruptions

ALL through the proceedings there were interruptions from the gallery. The chairman tried to keep order. "You must keep quiet here," he said. "I don't care what you do outside."

What happened outside I heard from Mueller himself as he lay in bed at his home sick from the bashing he had received.

"As I was going down the stairs of the courthouse someone 'jumped on my back,' he said. "We both crashed to the ground. All round me, there were men kicking me, bashing me with their fists and briefcases, which seemed to be loaded. I managed to get up and escape into an office. But the officials there would not help me. I asked them to call the police. No one knew the number. Then the mob got in and pulled me out again."

Somehow, despite it all, Mueller managed to arrive at the Military Government court, where British Public Safety officers immediately had his injuries attended to.

Picture lost

A NEWSPAPER photographer took a picture of Mueller being beaten up. One newspaper published it with only Mueller showing.

Police were sent to ask for the negative, which showed not only Mueller but his assailants. "Very sorry," they reported. "A fire has destroyed the negative."

C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

NEW YORK. RUBBER ROADS for America are urged by Harvey Firestone, the rubber magnate, not only because they wear better and would increase Mr Firestone's profit, but also because they would provide dollars for the British Commonwealth through increased sales of Malayan rubber.

TREASURY OFFICIALS are considering a plan to reduce income taxes on foreign earnings, to encourage private dollar investments in Britain and other countries.

HOLLYWOOD'S first film condemning discrimination against Negroes has been booked by one of Washington's top

cinemas. But it refuses to sell tickets to Washington's Negroes. And it will not change its policy during the film's run.

EDICT issued by the International Labor Commission on the New York to New Jersey ferry is to be increased from 7s. to 14s.

CINEMA PRICES will be cut almost to pre-war levels (2s. 6d. everywhere, except in the royal circle) this winter.

THE WORST of the slump is over for this year, according to the latest report from President Truman's economic experts.

They predict that employment will increase until Christ-

mas, that the average worker's wage will be £13 8s 4d. by the year's end and that business will start turning upward soon. The next big test will be the summer of 1950.

GORGEOUS GUSSIE MORAN announces she will not show all that lace in the tennis tournaments in which she is playing at home this summer. All the excitement "bored" her.

ENCOURAGED BY the success of FDR jun., another Roosevelt son, Elliott, is thinking of running for Congress in his father's home constituency, Hyde Park, New York. Another brother, James, will probably run for the Governorship of California.

But the news magazine Der Spiegel managed to obtain a copy all the same. And they published it showing both Mueller and his "friends."

When at British insistence the German police arrested a number of suspects, the prison doctor declared a number of them "medically unfit" for imprisonment. Which did not, however, prevent their marching triumphantly in rows of three through Dortmund with the rest of their party who had been let out on bail.

The irony

THE German lawyer Dr Ferdinand Marx urged that this Mueller case was a purely internal German matter and should be transferred to a German court.

"Mueller," he said, "was not mobbed because he is a dismantler and a servant of the British Military Government. He was mobbed because he is a Nazi."

Strangely enough exactly the same plea had been put to the British regional authorities by representatives of Herr Arnhold, the Christian Democrat Premier of North Rhine Westphalia, and Dr Menzel, his Socialist Minister of the Interior.

In both cases it was rejected. Yes, Mr Bevin, I think there is something for you to look into here.

—(London Express Service)



From Page 5 of Der Spiegel (July 28) "The Dismantling of Mueller."

The men in the Amethyst did not appeal for American aid. They did not bother about sending delegations or about Trade Union rules—and they finished the job on a Sunday.

What Britain Needs Now—A Leader with the Amethyst Spirit

THE House is up. Members have gone into the country, and Ministers, deserting the Socialist Paradise of their own creating, have fled to various resorts abroad, to recover from it. There is a political vacuum. But then, there was a political vacuum all through the last session. The only difference is that, for the next few weeks, there will be no sittings of Parliament to disguise or conceal the vacuum.

No Parliament, no Government, can wholly control events. Certainly not in Britain—for our economy is the least self-contained, the most exposed to the impact of world conditions, of any. But our present Parliament, our present Government, not only do not control events: they are almost completely irrelevant to events.



Parliament's all-night sittings have been concerned with such things as the Steel Bill, which in all probability will never come into effect, and would only make matters worse if it did.

Government and Parliament have been equally irrelevant to the insanity of the London dock strike. And so, it must be said, have been the official trade unions.

TAKE the economic crisis. That crisis is due to conditions, some of which are wholly within our control and some of which are not.

We cannot control, say, American willingness or unwillingness to buy British goods, and thereby enable us to earn the dollars we need. But the level of production in Britain, and thus the prices at which we can sell on the world market, is within our control.

The length of the working week; the intensity of effort during working hours; the maintenance or the abandoning of restrictive practices; the attitude to the use of machinery to supplement man-power—all these are things within our control.

But the proceedings of Parliament, and the activities of the Government, have been irrelevant to these things. True, we have had a two-day debate on the crisis, but it resulted in nothing more than unhappy acquiescence in a programme of new cuts and austerities, the effects of which we shall feel this winter.

Our ship of state would steer through the narrow and dangerous waters and come, like the Amethyst, to the wide, safe, and open sea.

During the session we have brought to light the election programmes of the two great parties. The programmes are as irrelevant to our situation as are the parties.

The Socialists propose to carry further a programme devised forty years ago under conditions radically different from what prevail today. And the Conservatives propose nothing substantially different.

The one document is animated by hate, and the other by fear. Both are evil counsellors.

Against this sombre background of futile irrelevance, of drift and indecision, of acquiescence in the downward slide instead of energetic effort to resist it, the episode of the Amethyst came like a heart-lifting shaft of light in a sullen sky.

The Amethyst found herself in trouble, as Britain is in trouble today. But unlike Britain, the Amethyst got herself out of it.

She did not appeal for American aid. She did not await the outcome of discussions in Washington. She did not send delegations to the Council of Europe. She did not wait for a supposedly omnipotent Government to solve her problems for her.

She did not resign herself to slow starvation by the cutting off of supplies. She did not allow her capacity to save herself to be regulated by trade union rules, or by 25,000 State regulations.

She measured the job that had to be done, and then did it.

Britain's problem is nothing like so difficult or so dangerous as that which confronted the Amethyst.

If our statesmen and politicians, our captains of industry and our trade union leaders, our foremen and our rank-and-file had one-half of the courage and resolution of the men of the Amethyst, our difficulties would rapidly be overcome.

Our ship of state would steer through the narrow and dangerous waters and come, like the Amethyst, to the wide, safe, and open sea.

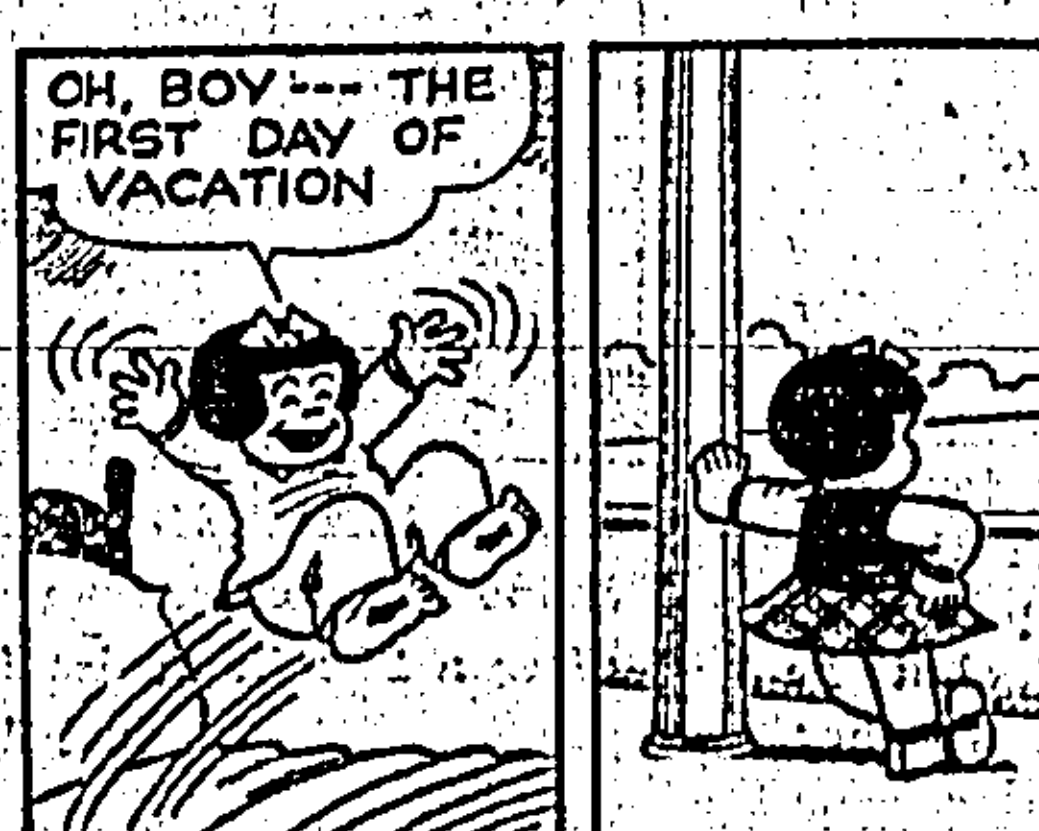
The Amethyst had but one captain and but a single chart. If she had had many captains and lots of conflicting charts her journey, if it had ever been started, would have terminated in disaster.

Her crew had one common objective, not a number of mutually hostile ones. They subordinated all lesser loyalties to the supreme loyalty.

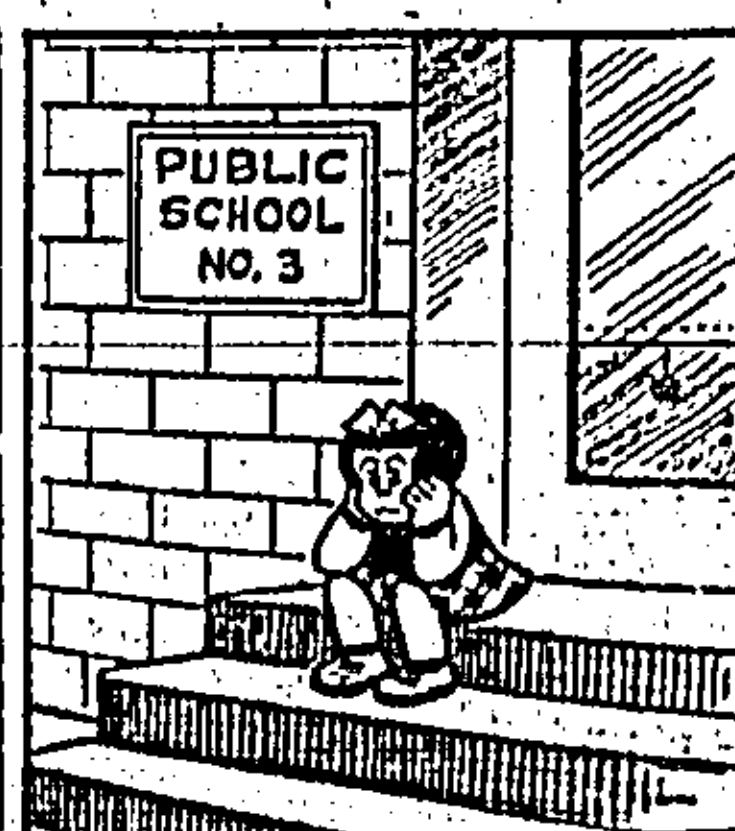
In all these things there is a moral for Britain.

—(London Express Service)

NANCY It Must Be the Heat



By Ernie Bushmiller



EXCHANGE RATIOS CANNOT BE LONG MAINTAINED

—LORD LAYTON

Strasbourg, Aug. 24.—Lord Layton, distinguished British economist, told the European Assembly today that he did not believe that present currency exchange ratios could be maintained for long.

Speaking as the only Liberal member of his delegation, Lord Layton raised this controversial question—so far avoided by all British speakers, in the second day of the Assembly's two-day debate on Europe's economic crisis.

He said that the Assembly's debates had been overshadowed by the dollar problem and "I do not think there is anything this Council can propose as a corporate body that will affect the decisions shortly to be taken." All we can do is to express our personal views, "for my part I do not believe that present exchange ratios can be maintained," he said.

The Strasbourg delegates warmly applauded the first woman speaker in the debate, Miss Margaret Herblin, Labour, Britain, who appealed for an overall plan to revive Europe's economy.

She answered suggestions by M. Andre Philip, French economic expert, and other continental speakers that some countries were holding back because they feared an increase in the standard of living in other countries would lower the standard in their own.

LAISSEZ FAIRE
"Are these sacrifices going to be the result of a planned economy which will cut them to a minimum? Or are they going to be the result of a laissez faire policy which will greatly increase the sacrifices and

New British Secret Jet Fighters

London, Aug. 24.—Britain has two new secret jet fighters able to fly faster than the speed of sound, the Society of British Aircraft Constructors disclosed today.

The planes are the Hawker P-1082 and P-510, which during the past months have been undergoing tests sponsored by the Ministry of Supply.

They are still on the official secret list, and the Ministry of Supply refused to comment on their speed. Hitherto, the only British plane which has officially been credited with breaking through the 700 miles an hour speed of sound wall is the De Havilland DE-108, an experimental machine not meant to be a standard fighter.

The two new faster-than-sound machines have been developed as standard fighters for the Royal Air Force, and possibly for the Royal Navy.

The two planes are expected to fly at an air show next month at Farnborough, Hampshire.—Reuter.

Said Yes In A Whisper

Sydney, Aug. 24.—When she received a proposal of marriage by phone from London today, a Viennese soprano in Sydney had just enough voice to whisper "yes." She has a severe throat infection.

"I wanted to shout, but all I could do was whisper," said Elizabeth Schwarzkopf.

Her fiancé is Walker Legge, musical director of the Gramophone Co. Ltd. of London.

Miss Schwarzkopf had to cancel her concert in Sydney Town Hall tonight because of her indisposition.

She will shop for her trousseau in Australia, and said she will be married in Switzerland in November.—Associated Press.

Chief Of Staff



Gen. Joseph Lawton Collins is now Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. Collins, Vice-Chief of Staff, was named to succeed Gen. Omar Bradley, now chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. (AP Picture).

LANCASHIRE MINERS RETURN TO THEIR JOBS

Sheffield, Aug. 24.—Lancashire coalmine lift operators on strike for higher pay decided tonight to return to work on pre-strike conditions.

Union officials advised the men to go back.

Their Yorkshire colleagues yesterday also decided to return to work and to submit their pay claim to arbitration.

About 40,000 miners in the Yorkshire coalfields were still idle today, however, compared with 75,000 yesterday as a result of the operators' stoppage.

Of the 480 operators due at work today, 272 reported for duty last night after the strikers' decision to submit their pay claim to arbitration.

In Lancashire, where mines are involved in the same dispute, six pits employing 8,100 men were still idle and four others, employing 1,000 miners, were not yet fully working by mid-day.

Up to this evening, Yorkshire coal production had dropped by 303,700 tons, but spokesman for the National Coal Board— which controls Britain's nationalised mines—said that 14,000 tons of this could be attributed to high absenteeism among miners.

Full working is expected on tonight's shift.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC PACT IN FORCE

Washington, Aug. 24.—The 12-nation pact binding North America and Western Europe in a common defence alliance went into force today. The historic moment came when President Harry Truman signed a proclamation declaring the Atlantic Treaty to be in effect.

Top-ranking officials of the United States and most of the 11 other pact nations witnessed the White House signing.

The treaty pledges the 12 allies to strike back in case of attack against any one of them.

"This is a momentous occasion not only for all the signatories but for all peoples who share our profound desire for stability and peaceful development," Mr. Truman said.

"By this treaty we are not only seeking to establish freedom from aggression and from the use of force in the North Atlantic community, but are also actively striving to promote and preserve peace throughout the world."—Associated Press.

Noted Author's Estate

Atlanta, August 24.—No value was given for the estate of Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With The Wind," when her will was filed for probate here.

The hand-written will revealed today that she left three-fourths of her estate to her husband, John Marsh, and one-fourth to her brother, Stephen Mitchell. It specified that Marsh should receive at least \$200,000.

Meanwhile, the Grand Jury reduced from murder to involuntary manslaughter the charge against Hugh Gray, 29, driver of the car which struck Miss Mitchell and inflicted fatal injuries.—United Press.

Calwell Blasts Chinese Seamen

Canberra, Aug. 24.—Immigration Minister Arthur Calwell on Tuesday accused, in a statement, many Chinese who are now resisting deportation of wartime cowardice.

He said: "Many Chinese who now form the hard core of resisters of our immigration laws are not now law-breakers. They reached Australia as ships' deserters who refused to go to sea again and left all the risks of wartime ocean transport to their more courageous country men and allies."

Mr. Calwell denied accusations that he has not shown patience and discretion with Chinese wartime refugees. For over three years, he said, these people had been asked repeatedly to put their affairs in order pending repatriation.

Eleven apprehended at the week-end had been warned for the last time in April. Defending imprisonment pending deportation, Mr. Calwell said this was the only effective way of ensuring repatriation. Many Chinese on whom notices to leave Australia had been served had disappeared. Some, after being warned to wind up their affairs, actually began new businesses.

SYMPATHY WASTED

Mr. Calwell added: "None will be held for more than a few days before being placed on a ship for repatriation. Probably they would not have been held, had not the evasive actions of hundreds of their group proved this was the only effective method. In the light of these facts, sympathy with this particular group of Chinese is wasted. Their attitude in war only proves in sharp contrast with that of their fellow countrymen in Australia legitimately as merchants, traders, students and who are highly esteemed."

Mr. Calwell's statement followed a request by the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Kan Nai-kung, to the Australian Government for more lenient treatment to Chinese nationals.—Associated Press.

WEARY BUT HAPPY

Halifax, Aug. 24.—Twenty-nine Latvian refugees aboard the schooner Amundson said today they owed their lives after their perilous Atlantic crossing to Captain J. Andersen, the only sailor aboard.

Weary but happy, the voyagers packed into Immigration Headquarters to write out applications for residence in Canada. An expectant mother and a seriously ill woman who suffered violently from seasickness during the trip were taken to hospital.

Captain Andersen sailed the tiny vessel from Gothenburg, Sweden, on July 7. Shortly after touching the Azores, an engine broke down. Later, he skillfully managed the ship through three violent gales.—United Press.

Rumanian Day Reception

Moscow, Aug. 24.—The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, was guest of honour at a Rumanian National Day reception given here last night by the Rumanian Minister in Moscow, Simon Bughici.

M. Vyshinsky proposed the toast to Soviet-Rumanian friendship.—Reuter.

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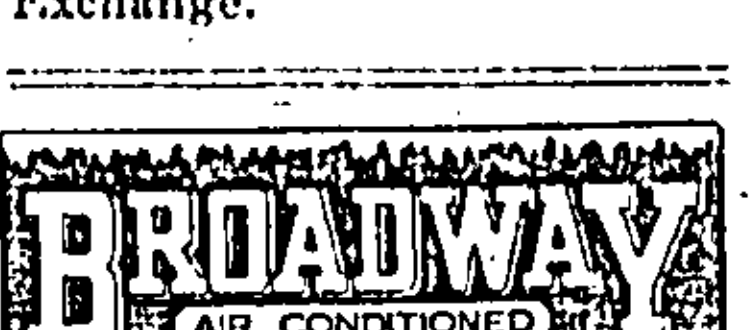
Strauss Shows Improvement

Partenkirchen, Aug. 24.—The composer, Richard Strauss, was so much improved that he began to show an interest in the outside world again, his doctors reported today.

They said the 85-year-old Strauss, who had been seriously ill for several days, had had his first full night's sleep since his illness began and was showing steady improvement.—United Press.

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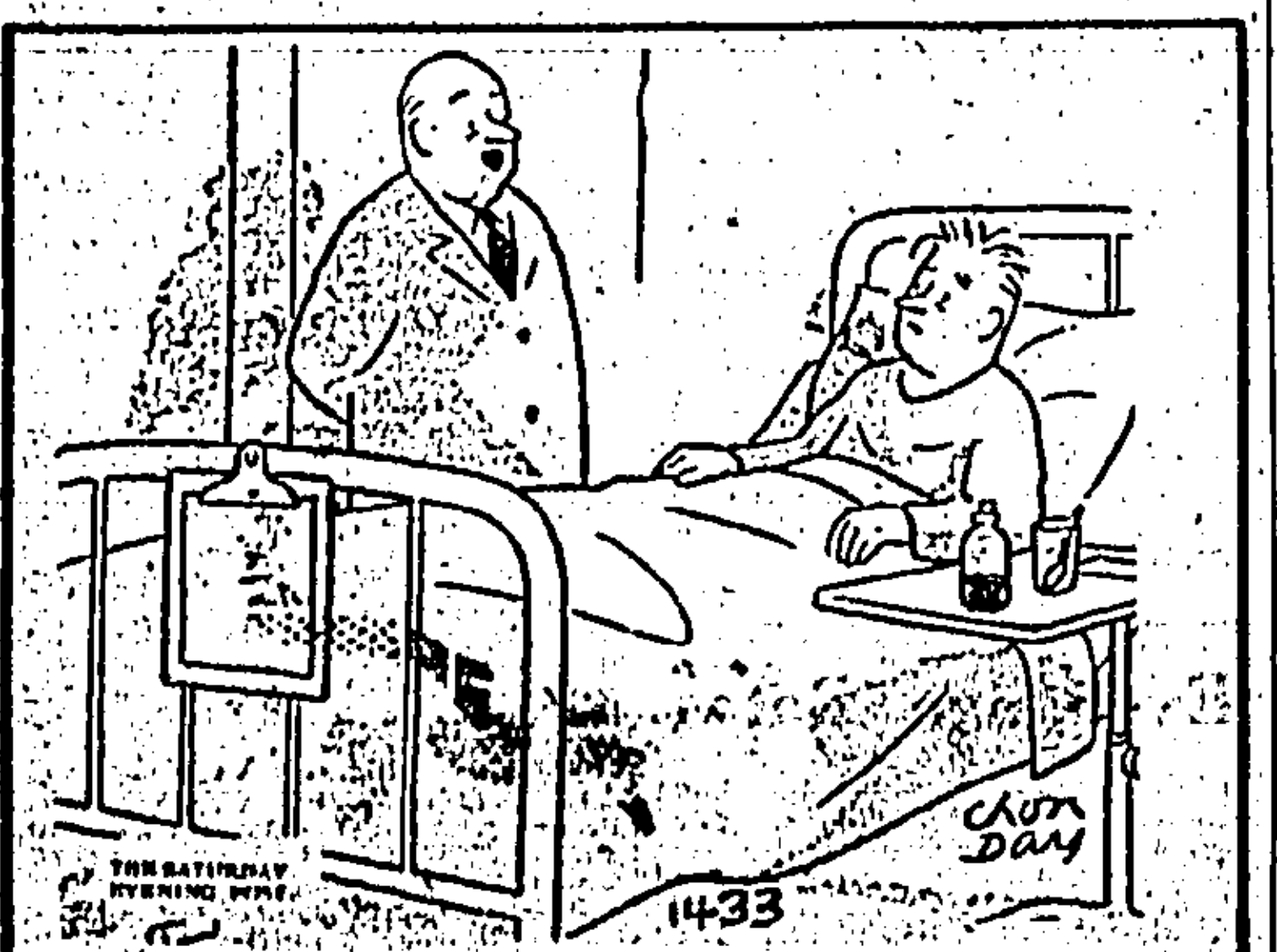
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